Know the Invaders!

One of the first steps to preventing the spread of invasive species is being able to identify them. Below are some high priority species in our area:



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Knotweed

Giant Hogweed





Blueweed

Yellow Star Thistle





Feral Pigs

Puncturevine

Visit **columbiashuswapinvasives.org** to learn more about the other high lority species in the Columbia Shuswap.



Play Clean Go

Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Animals

- Arrive with clean gear
- Stay on trails
- Burn local firewood
- Before leaving the recreation site remove mud and seeds from your shoes, gear, vehicle and pets

Report Invaders

- Contact columbiashuswapinvasives.org
- Use 'Report-Invasives BC' & 'Report-a-Weed' Apps
- Call **RAPP line 1-877-952-RAPP** to report illegal dumping of garden waste on crown land
- Call provincial hotline 1-888-WEEDSBC

For more information



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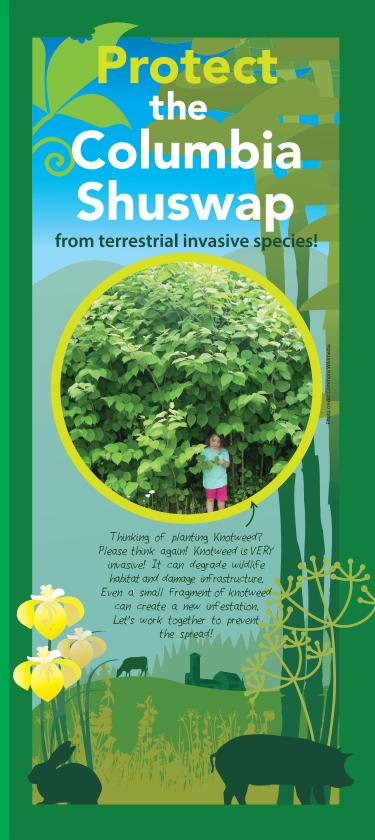
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What are Terrestrial Invasive Species?

Terrestrial Invasive Species are non-native plants and animals that are introduced into an ecosystem where they do not belong. They are extremely competitive and lack natural predators that keep them under control. They spread quickly and bring harmful

impacts to ecosystems, your health and wallet!

Human behaviour is the #1-way invasive species
are introduced & spread. You can make a difference.
Learn what simple actions you can take to help
protect the Columbia Shuswap!

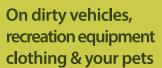
How do they spread?



Planting invasive species & improper disposal of garden waste

Even though some invasive species look beautiful they can quickly take over a garden.

Knotweed roots can grow up to 2m deep & 20 m laterally. As a result Knotweed can grow through the foundation of your home!



Some small plants and seeds can easily "hitchhike" on your outdoor gear from one recreational site to another.

Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species to your favourite recreation spot?

What are their impacts?



Environmental

- Degrade wildlife habitat
- Reduce biodiversity & cause extinction of endangered species
- Displace native plants& animals

These infant painted turtles were suffocated by roots of invasive plants.

What can I do to help?



Be PlantWise

- Choose non-invasive plants for your garden
- Dispose of invasive plants properly
- For proper disposal methods visit: columbiashuswapinvasives.org
- NEVER compost Invasive Species



Economic

- Increase taxes & maintenance costs
- Increase wildfire hazard risk to homes & infrastructure
- Reduce crop quality & yield
- Reduce property values
- Invasive plants like Scotchbroom & Cheatgrass increase wildfire risk!



Play, Clean, Go!

- Arrive and leave recreation site with clean clothing, gear, equipment & pets
- Stay on marked trails
- Report any sightings
- Educate yourself on high priority species in your community

Carry a brush in your pack!



Moving firewood from one location to another

Firewood can be infested with insects, eggs or fungi spores. If you move firewood from one region to another you might also be moving invasive species.

Do you know where your wood came from?



Social

- Cause health issues
- Threaten drinking water
- Reduce recreation
 opportunities including
 biking, hiking & camping
 Dort touch Giant Hogweed!
 Its sap is toxic & causes
 burns, blisters & scarring.



Buy it Where You Burn it!

- Protect our forests and use local firewood
- Don't move firewood
- Buy firewood where you will burn it